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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

N.E. Please delete pages 42 and 43.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 5, and 9, and add new claims 18-26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A communication device connected to a network and  
enabling communication of messages at least by characters, comprising:  
a transmitting and receiving means for implementing communication of  
messages with a communication device of the other party of communication via said  
network;

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